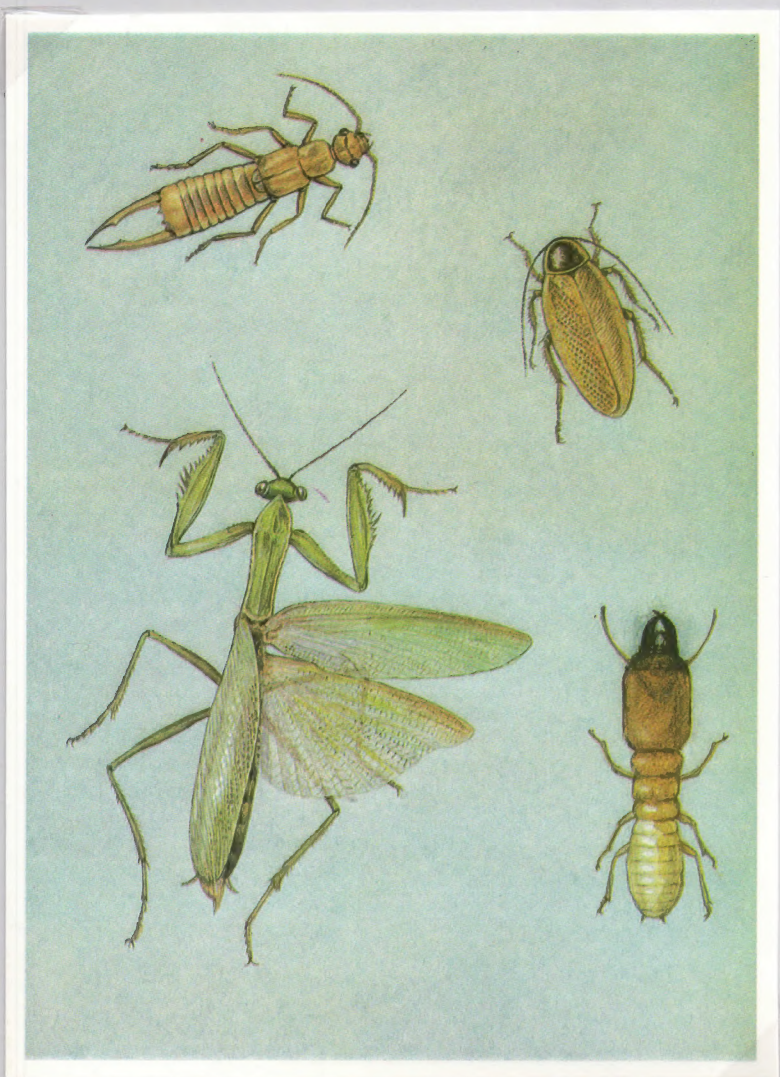


2. THE COCKROACH'S RELATIVES

Relatives



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Entomologists strongly suggest that termites and earwigs have evolved directly from true cockroaches and many have placed them as an “epi-family” of cockroaches. The praying mantis is directly related because of the straight wings. Termites also have wings at different phases of their life cycle.

The name of the order is *Orthoptera*, which means “straight wings.” Most of these insects have two pairs of wings with the back pair folding like a fan under the long, straight front wings. Not all cockroaches can fly however.

Other insects in this order are:



Cricket



Grasshopper



Katydid



Walking Stick